

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Cirino, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Amy Prince. I am a senior lecturer in the Sports Fitness and Health Program at the Ohio State University. Students from all areas of the university take my classes and my SFHP colleagues' classes to help manage the stress in their lives. I am strongly opposed to SB 1 and its companion bill HB 6.

As defined by this bill, many aspects of my students' lives, experiences, and family situations are now deemed "political" by the Ohio Legislature. Preventing students from acknowledging or discussing topics relevant to their lives in health-related classes negatively impacts those my program serves.

The classes that my colleagues and I teach cover essential health topics, including stress management, preventing drug and alcohol misuse, and adopting health behaviors to reduce cancer risk. Students' personal and family experiences naturally arise in these discussions. I strongly believe that is harmful to suggest that some aspects of students' lives are acceptable to acknowledge while others are "too political" to acknowledge.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful, extremist bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.